

REMARKS OF THE
NEWLY APPOINTED AMBASSADOR
OF THE REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN
ABDUL WAHID KARIM

UPON THE OCCASION OF THE PRESENTATION OF
HIS LETTER OF CREDENCE

Mr. President:

It is indeed an honor and privilege for me to present my credentials to Your Excellency as well as the Letter of Recall of my distinguished predecessor, Ambassador Malikyar, and to have the pleasure of making the acquaintance of such an illustrious personality.

It is also a most unexpected and memorable occasion for my entire family to have the privilege of meeting Your Excellency, Mrs. Carter and members of your distinguished family.

I should like to avail myself of this opportunity to convey to you, Sir, President Mohammad Daoud's personal greetings together with his best wishes for your personal wellbeing, continued success, and the prosperity of your great country.

It is His Excellency President Mohammad Daoud's earnest desire that the very cordial existing ties of friendship and

close relations between our two countries be further consolidated and enhanced.

Mr. President, it is indeed a great privilege for me to represent my country as the Afghan envoy to Washington at a time when a new era has come about with regards to the United States dealings with world issues.

We have deep admiration for your Administration's determination to alleviate the gap between the rich countries and the poor and to assist the developing nations as well as your sincere efforts for the maintenance of peace and international justice.

Mr. President, we the people of Afghanistan with our fervent belief and faith in God the Almighty, have recently adopted the new Constitution of the Republic of Afghanistan which embodies the lofty objectives guaranteeing the preservation of sovereignty as well as national identity, national unity, and social justice.

Although Afghanistan is untiringly striving with determination to achieve economic and social betterment for its people, the attainment of these objectives set by the Republican Order can only be fully implemented with greater financial and technical assistance, for which we are looking forward to, from friendly countries and international institutions.

While wholeheartedly appreciating the assistance the United States has furnished to Afghanistan in the past, President Mohammad Daoud and the Government of Afghanistan are desirous that tangible financial United States assistance will be forthcoming in the days ahead.

Permit me, Mr. President, to reiterate once again to Your Excellency how honored I feel to represent my President and country in Washington, and shall devote to the best of

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my ability all my endeavours for the further strengthening of the existing friendly relations and greater understanding between Afghanistan and the United States of America, explicitly confirmed and emphasized by my President as the essence of my assignment. The sincere and frank reception I have witnessed from my American counterparts in the State Department assures me that their close cooperation will help me achieve my mission successfully.